1	2	3	4	5	6
6	Bihar	..	1	..	1
7	Orissa	1	..	..	1
8	Andhra Pradesh	..	15	..	15
9	Karnataka	..	..	4	5
10	Tamil Nadu	..	2	..	
	TOTAL	2	47	25	74

Shortage of sugar supply

1589. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the shortage of sugar supply due to fall in its production;

(b) the steps that led to import of sugar and how and when the decision was taken to import sugar.

(c) what was the international prices of sugar when the shortage in sugar supply was first estimated; and

(d) at what rate sugar has been purchased in the international market and sold in India to wholesalers and to consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Due to decrease in sugar production during 1992-93 season and the current season, it was anticipated that there would be shortfall in the availability of sugar. To contain the prices of sugar and ensure adequate availability during the remaining part of current season and early part of next season, it was decided to allow import of sugar under Open General Licence (OGL) and a statement to this effect was made in Parliament on 15-3-1994. The average London Daily Price of sugar in March, 1994 was $ 340.38 f.o.b.

(d) The import of sugar has been placed under Open General Licence. As such the rates at which sugar has been contracted/purchased by various private importers under this facility are not available with Government. The private importers are themselves arranging sales of the sugar brought into India by them at rates determined by market forces/demand and supply and the Government has no role to play in these sales.

The average C.I.F. rate at which State Trading Corporation/Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation Limited have contracted for import of sugar was about US $ 387 per Metric Tonne. This sugar will be sold through the Public Distribution System to consumers at Rs. 9.05 per Kg.

उत्तर प्रदेश में बन्द पड़ी चीनी मिलें

1590. चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह : क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय उत्तर प्रदेश में कौन कौन सी चीनी मिलें बन्द पड़ी हैं;

(ख) उन्हें फिर से चालू करने के लिये क्या-क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं ;

(ग) उनका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

खाद्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कल्प नाथ राय) : (क) इस समय उत्तर प्रदेश में खलीलाबाद, चीनी मिल, खलीलाबाद, जिला बस्ती बन्द पड़ी है ।

(ख) से (घ) मौसम में पेराई शुरू करने की जिम्मेदारी चीनी फैक्ट्रियों की होती है । तथापि, सरकार अपनी ओर से चीनी फैक्टरियों की आर्थिक व्यवहार्यता को सुधारने के लिये प्रति वर्ष चीनी नीति की घोषणा करती है । उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य सरकार ने सूचित किया है कि खलीलाबाद चीनी मिल प्लांट की क्षमता विस्तार और वित्तीय संकट के कारण पेराई शुरू नहीं कर सकी ।

Enquiry against sugar import

1591. SHRI JALALUDDIN ANSARI:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a preliminary administration inquiry has been ordered into the mismanagement of matters relating to sugar availability and imports; and

(b) if so, the details and by when the enquiry is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) Government has decided to conduct a preliminary administrative enquiry regarding the situation arising out of shortage in availability of sugar in the current sugar season. This enquiry has been entrusted to Shri Gian Prakash, retired Comptroller and Auditor General of India. He is expected to submit his report in one month's time.

Indian Hockey

1592. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Hockey is in a bad shape;

(b) whether the performance of country's hockey team in international matches has been very dismal and the morale of the players has gone down;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a few youngsters prefer to take up hockey; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to revive interest in hockey and bring it at par with international standards ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The Indan Hockey team is in the process of rebuilding and as per the reports available the players are shaping well.

(c) and (d). The Sports Authority of India under its various schemes such as National Sports Talent Contest Scheme, Sports Project Development Area Scheme, Special Area Games Army Boys Sports Company and Sports Hostel Scheme is nurturing 512 sportspersons in the discipline of Hockey. In addition, technical assistance is also given to the Hockey Federation to organise coaching camps for various age groups and also for sending teams abroad for [illegible] exposure.